

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Appln. No.:

Filed: Herewith

For: CROSS JOINT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
patent application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 3 as set forth below.

- 1           3. (Amended) A cross joint according to claim 1,
- 2   wherein an extreme-pressure additive is added to a lubricating
- 3   agent filling an interior of said needle bearing.

Please add the following claim:

- 1           6. (New) A cross joint according to claim 2, wherein an
- 2   extreme-pressure additive is added to a lubricating agent
- 3   filling an interior of said needle bearing.

REMARKS

Claim 3 has been amended to avoid the multiple dependent claim surcharge. Claim 6 presented herein corresponds to the dependency eliminated from Claim 3.

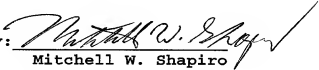
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS:

- 1           3. (Amended) A cross joint according to claim 1 [or 2],  
2 wherein an extreme-pressure additive is added to a lubricating  
3 agent filling an interior of said needle bearing.